

SENATE BILL 871

By Fowler

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12,
Chapter 7, Part 1, relative to the higher education
and technical institutions publication committee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-7-106(a), is amended by deleting such subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a)

(1) To control publications of higher education institutions and technical institutes, there is hereby established a publications committee which shall consist of the executive director of the Tennessee higher education commission or the executive director's designee, the president of the University of Tennessee system or the president's designee, and the chancellor of the state board of regents or the chancellor's designee. This committee shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the printing of publications by higher education institutions and technical institutes. The rules and regulations shall include a provision stipulating that there shall be no automatic distribution of reports or publications, except the distribution provided for in title 12, chapter 6, or otherwise by law or resolution enacted after May 25, 1984. The publications committee shall require each higher education institution and technical institute to keep, as a minimum, the following information on each approved publication:

(A) Name of publication;

(B) Department producing publication;

(C) Purpose and brief description of publication's contents;

(D) Number of copies authorized to be printed;

(E) A general list of distribution; and

(F) Estimated cost of printing and distribution.

(2) For the purposes of this section, publications subject to approval shall include all printed matters not identified specifically as being exempted in the publications management guide of the higher education publications committee, as amended. All publications approved shall include:

(A) The name of the publication;

(B) The name of the institution and the department, division or program producing such publication;

(C) The purpose of the publication;

(D) How such publication serves the institution and the department, division or program producing such publication; and

(E) The intended audience of such publication.

(3) Printed materials intended solely for use on the campus or institution shall be subject to approval of a publications council but shall not be required to have a publication number affixed. All publications, including renewals of publications, must be reviewed and approved by a majority of the members of a publications council consisting of the president or chancellor of the campus publishing such document, or their designee, the chief financial officer of the campus, and a member of the faculty senate, selected by such faculty senate.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.